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ABSTRACT

This report presents a comparison of characteristics of youth authority wards committed from 1975 to 1984 in California. Data for first commitments is offered for four offense categories: (1) violent offenses; (2) property offenses; (3) narcotic and drug offenses; and (4) other offenses. Major shifts in characteristics are highlighted at the beginning of the report and then each characteristic is summarized. Items summarized are: sex, court, area of commitment, commitment offense, ethnic group, mean age, number of prior escapes, co-offenders, physical handicaps, last grade enrolled in school, reading comprehension, arithmatic reasoning, prior convictions or sustained petitions, median age at first prior conviction or sustained petition, prior commitments, median age at prior commitment, I-Level, religion, parents' marital status, parental configuration, placement before commitment, out of home placements, income level of home, family income from public assistance, criminal record of family members, economic aspects of immediate neighborhood, delinquency aspects of immediate neighborhood, major problem area, and employment. Three tables showing percents of totals for each characteristic are included. (ABB)

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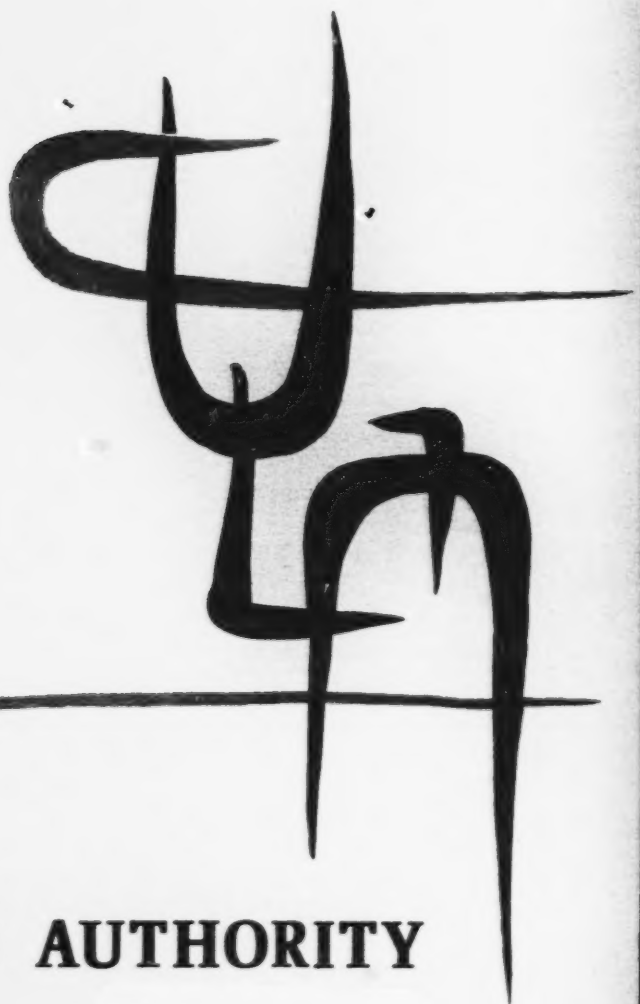

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## INTRODUCTION

Over the years, the Youth Authority has gathered basic data on the characteristics of first commitments. However, the number of items collected and the methods of collection have varied. We have deleted data for earlier years where such variations have made comparative analysis impossible. Youth Authority and Department of Corrections cases (committed under Welfare and Institutions Code 1731.5(c)) are shown separately for 1984, the first year in which such commitments were housed in the Youth Authority. Where data are not available for the CDC cases, the tables show "N/A".

The offense categories used in this report consist of the following:

Violent Offenses: Homicide, robbery, all types of assaults, forcible rape, and kidnapping.

Property Offenses: Burglary, theft (including auto), forgery and check offenses, and arson.

Narcotic and Drug Offenses: All offenses related to narcotics and dangerous drugs.

Other Offenses: All offenses not specifically mentioned above.

## HIGHLIGHTS

During the second half of 1981, the Youth Authority implemented a policy of rejecting many of the more serious commitments from the criminal courts in order to ameliorate the pressures of increasing institution population. This policy continued through September 1982, when it was cancelled because Proposition 8, passed in the June election, barred a majority of these cases from Youth Authority commitment. In January 1984, Senate Bill 821 became effective as Welfare and Institution Code Section 1731.5(c). Under this section, California Department of Corrections commitments are placed in Youth Authority facilities by the sentencing court to serve their sentence. Some of these commitments may have had a prior Youth Authority commitment, but for the purpose of this report they are treated as first commitments.

Any shift in characteristics in 1981 through 1984 must be interpreted in light of these changes in law and policy. Unless otherwise stated, figures include CDC commitments to the Youth Authority.

- From 1983 to 1984, direct commitments to the Youth Authority decreased by 12 percent. This decrease was offset by CDC cases which represented 21 percent of the total first commitments and 61 percent of the criminal court commitments. Overall, juvenile court commitments declined to 66 percent and criminal court commitments increased 11 percent to 34 percent in 1984 (including the CDC commitments).

- Ethnic minorities now constitute 71 percent of all new direct commitments to the Youth Authority. Nine years ago, 59 percent of commitments were ethnic minorities.

- Violent type offenses represent 41 percent of all new commitments to the Youth Authority. In 1975, they represented 45 percent and in 1980, 50 percent.

- Seventy-two percent of the wards who were in the job market were unemployed at the time of the offense. 1/

- Most of the wards (76 percent) were living in the parental home and 45 percent came from two-parent homes comprised of either natural parents or parent surrogates. 1/

- Over one-half of the wards had family members, primarily siblings, with criminal records. 1/

- By far, the major problems in wards' adjustment were the negative influences of peer groups (52 percent) and mental-emotional problems (23 percent). 1/

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1/ Data not available for CDC cases.

SUMMARY OF ITEMS

Sex

The percentage of female first commitments has fluctuated between four and five percent over the past ten years. CDC female commitments were slightly lower (2.3 percent).

Court

Historically, more than half of Youth Authority first commitments were from juvenile courts. The one exception occurred in 1976 when the criminal court commitments were the larger proportion (51 percent). Otherwise, in the decade shown, the juvenile court commitments varied reaching a low of 53 percent in 1981 and a high of 77 percent in 1983. In 1984, the overall juvenile court commitments dropped to 66 percent of the total first commitments, due to the impact of CDC criminal court cases. Considering Youth Authority commitments only, the distribution was 83 percent from juvenile courts and 17 percent from criminal courts.

Area of Commitment

Almost two-thirds of all commitments are from Southern California, varying from a 57 percent low in 1977 to a high of 63 percent in 1980. The Los Angeles proportion has increased steadily from 33 percent in 1975 to 41 percent in 1979, and has since remained above 40 percent. Almost half of CDC cases were committed from Southern California with 33 percent from Los Angeles.

Commitment Offense

Over the decade shown, violent offenses comprised more than 40 percent of all first commitments, reaching a 50 percent high in 1980, and decreasing steadily to a low of 41 percent in 1984. Property offenses have generally increased from 39 percent of the total to 45 percent. Slightly more than half of the CDC cases (53 percent) were committed for property offenses.

Ethnic Group

Commitments of minority groups have increased from 60 percent to a high of 71 percent in 1984. Sixty percent of CDC cases were minorities. The Black ethnic group has the highest proportion for both Youth Authority and CDC cases.

Mean Age

Age at commitment declined to 17.2 in 1984 reflecting the decrease in direct criminal court commitments to the Youth Authority. The older age of CDC cases (19.5 years) slightly affected the total average age of commitments in 1984.

Number of Prior Escapes

Wards with prior escapes from custody have decreased rather steadily since 1976 to 10 percent in 1984. Six percent of the male CDC cases had prior escapes. 2/

Co-offenders

Over the 10 year period shown, approximately half of the commitment offenses involved more than one youth. Slightly less male CDC cases (44 percent) involved more than one person. 2/

Physical Handicaps

Only a small proportion (approximately four percent) of Youth Authority and CDC cases had a physical disability at the time of commitment. 2/

Last Grade Enrolled in School

Differences over the years may be a result of reporting changes. The more recent figures may be most representative of the population at commitment. In 1976, those last enrolled at or below the 10th grade level comprised 43 percent of the total. This proportion increased each year to a high of 59 percent in 1983, declining to 55 percent in 1984. The majority of male CDC cases were enrolled at or above the 11th grade at the time of commitment, possibly reflecting the impact of the older age of criminal court cases. 2/

Reading Comprehension

Reading comprehension is tested by the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE). Overall mean grade level of those tested is about the seventh grade. The CDC cases tested had a slightly higher grade level of 7.6. 2/

Arithmetic Reasoning

The Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) is used to determine the arithmetic ability of wards. The mean grade level of those tested has varied between 6.5 and 6.8 since 1975. The CDC cases tested scored slightly higher (6.9 grade level). 2/

Prior Convictions or Sustained Petitions

Beginning in 1978, the definition of prior history was changed to reflect only prior convictions and sustained petitions. Comparable data for earlier years is not available. Since 1978, approximately four-fifths (80 percent) of Youth Authority first commitments had one or more prior convictions or sustained petitions. Eighty-one percent of male CDC cases also fell into this category. 2/

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2/ Data not available for female CDC cases.

Median Age at First Prior Conviction or Sustained Petition

The median age at which a ward experienced a conviction or petition prior to the current commitment has decreased slightly to an age of 14.5 years. The median age for CDC males is 15.8 years. 2/

Prior Commitments

Similar to 1983, 65 percent of the wards in 1984 experienced commitments in county facilities prior to their Youth Authority commitment. The 60 percent of CDC cases with prior commitments may have had prior Youth Authority commitment in addition to a county commitment.

Median Age at First Prior Commitment

For those experiencing a county commitment, the median age at such a commitment was 15.2 years in 1984. The median age for CDC placements was 16.6, which may include a prior Youth Authority commitment.

I-Level

Most of the differences observable in this item can be attributed to a change in the method of making the diagnosis.

Religion

The proportion of wards claiming either Protestant or Catholic religious preference has remained fairly constant in recent years. CDC cases have a similar preference.

Parents' Marital Status

Approximately two-thirds of both Youth Authority and CDC cases came from homes broken by divorce, separation or death of parents.

NOTE: Information for the following items is collected from the Community Assessment Report by parole agents for Youth Authority commitments only. Since CDC commitments to the Youth Authority are placed on CDC parole, this data is not collected.

Parental Configuration

About 46 percent of the wards came from two-parent homes (either natural or substitute parents).

Placement Before Commitment

About three-quarters of the wards were living in their parents' home at the time of the offense leading to Youth Authority commitment.

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2/ Data not available for female CDC cases.

Out-of-Home Placements

Thirty-seven percent of the wards had been placed out of the parental home at some time prior to Youth Authority commitment.

Income Level of Home

More than one-half of the wards came from homes with an adequate or better than adequate income.

Family Income from Public Assistance

Fifty-eight percent of the wards' families were not receiving public assistance.

Criminal Record of Family Members

Almost one-quarter of the wards had siblings with criminal records.

Economic Aspects of Immediate Neighborhood

Fifty percent of the wards came from homes where the neighborhood was considered average or above in maintenance and appearance.

Delinquency Aspects of Immediate Neighborhood

About 59 percent of the wards lived in neighborhoods that were considered not highly delinquent.

Major Problem Area

Starting in 1974, parole agents were asked to designate the major problem the wards experienced while in the community. Negative peer group influences and mental-emotional problems predominated.

Employment

About 51 percent of the wards were in the job market at commitment. Approximately 72 percent of those in the job market were unemployed.

TABLE 1

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1975-1984
(Showing percents of totals)

Total Admissions

| Characteristics | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 Total | 1984 CYA | 1984 CDC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total first commitments..... | 3404 | 3559 | 3626 | 3776 | 3640 | 3968 | 4083 | 3316 | 2891 | 3216 | 2554 | 662 |
| Male..... | 94.7 | 94.9 | 95.3 | 95.7 | 95.8 | 96.1 | 95.9 | 95.2 | 94.8 | 95.7 | 95.2 | 97.7 |
| Female..... | 5.3 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 2.3 |
| Court..... | 3404 | 3559 | 3626 | 3776 | 3640 | 3968 | 4083 | 3316 | 2891 | 3216 | 2554 | 662 |
| Juvenile..... | 53.7 | 49.3 | 55.5 | 58.2 | 56.5 | 55.2 | 53.1 | 67.3 | 77.2 | 66.2 | 83.3 | - |
| Criminal..... | 46.3 | 50.7 | 45.4 | 41.8 | 43.5 | 44.8 | 46.9 | 32.7 | 22.8 | 33.8 | 16.7 | 100.0 |
| Area of commitment..... | 3404 | 3559 | 3626 | 3776 | 3640 | 3968 | 4083 | 3316 | 2891 | 3216 | 2554 | 662 |
| Southern California..... | 61.9 | 58.0 | 57.4 | 58.6 | 60.7 | 62.8 | 61.8 | 61.7 | 59.9 | 62.1 | 65.5 | 48.6 |
| Los Angeles..... | 33.5 | 33.5 | 35.3 | 36.4 | 41.3 | 42.2 | 43.3 | 44.6 | 41.1 | 45.2 | 48.3 | 32.9 |
| 9 other counties..... | 28.4 | 24.5 | 22.1 | 22.2 | 19.4 | 20.6 | 18.5 | 17.1 | 18.8 | 16.9 | 17.2 | 15.7 |
| San Francisco Bay area..... | 21.0 | 23.5 | 23.6 | 22.3 | 21.0 | 19.0 | 20.4 | 19.0 | 19.2 | 17.4 | 15.1 | 26.3 |
| Sacramento Valley..... | 7.2 | 7.6 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 6.4 | 5.8 | 8.9 |
| San Joaquin Valley..... | 6.2 | 7.2 | 8.6 | 9.0 | 7.9 | 8.0 | 7.6 | 8.6 | 10.0 | 9.9 | 9.5 | 11.5 |
| 22 other counties..... | 3.7 | 3.7 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.7 |
| Commitment offense | 3404 | 3559 | 3626 | 3776 | 3640 | 3968 | 4083 | 3316 | 2891 | 3216 | 2554 | 662 |
| Violent type offenses..... | 44.8 | 44.3 | 45.1 | 46.3 | 47.8 | 49.9 | 49.1 | 45.0 | 42.1 | 41.2 | 41.5 | 39.7 |
| Property type offenses..... | 39.2 | 42.2 | 45.3 | 47.0 | 46.2 | 43.5 | 44.9 | 47.5 | 47.7 | 46.5 | 44.9 | 52.9 |
| Narcotic & drug offenses.... | 4.5 | 3.5 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 6.5 | 2.3 |
| Other offenses..... | 11.5 | 11.0 | 7.1 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 6.7 | 7.1 | 5.1 |
| Ethnic group..... | 3404 | 3559 | 3626 | 3776 | 3640 | 3968 | 4083 | 3316 | 2891 | 3216 | 2554 | 662 |
| White..... | 40.7 | 40.5 | 39.3 | 39.3 | 35.3 | 33.7 | 31.9 | 32.5 | 31.1 | 31.1 | 28.7 | 40.3 |
| Hispanic..... | 21.4 | 23.2 | 25.6 | 26.7 | 28.4 | 28.6 | 27.5 | 28.2 | 30.8 | 29.8 | 31.2 | 24.2 |
| Black..... | 34.4 | 33.7 | 32.0 | 31.7 | 33.8 | 35.4 | 38.0 | 36.7 | 35.2 | 36.0 | 37.0 | 32.3 |
| Other..... | 3.5 | 2.6 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.2 |
| Mean age..... | 18.0 | 18.2 | 17.9 | 17.8 | 17.9 | 17.9 | 17.9 | 17.5 | 17.4 | 17.7 | 17.2 | 19.5 |

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(Showing percents of totals)

Total Admissions

| Characteristics | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 Total | 1984 CYA | 1984 CDC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Number of prior escapes..... | 3404 | 3559 | 3626 | 3776 | 3640 | 3968 | 4083 | 3316 | 2891 | 3122 | 2548 | 574 |
| None or unknown..... | 82.3 | 80.8 | 82.1 | 84.9 | 85.9 | 84.5 | 88.7 | 87.5 | 89.0 | 90.4 | 89.8 | 93.2 |
| One or more..... | 17.7 | 19.2 | 17.9 | 15.1 | 14.1 | 15.5 | 11.3 | 12.5 | 11.0 | 9.6 | 10.2 | 6.8 |
| Co-offenders..... | 3404 | 3559 | 3626 | 3776 | 3640 | 3968 | 4083 | 3316 | 2891 | 3122 | 2548 | 574 |
| None or unknown..... | 51.1 | 47.8 | 49.8 | 50.9 | 49.3 | 48.6 | 54.5 | 53.4 | 51.2 | 53.6 | 53.0 | 56.1 |
| One or two..... | 42.1 | 44.3 | 43.3 | 41.4 | 43.0 | 43.8 | 39.4 | 39.6 | 41.1 | 39.8 | 40.2 | 38.3 |
| Three or more..... | 6.8 | 7.9 | 6.9 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 7.6 | 6.1 | 7.0 | 7.7 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 5.6 |
| Physical handicaps..... | 3404 | 3559 | 3626 | 3776 | 3640 | 3968 | 4083 | 3316 | 2891 | 3122 | 2548 | 574 |
| None or unknown..... | 94.3 | 89.4 | 89.2 | 89.5 | 88.5 | 90.2 | 93.3 | 96.3 | 96.9 | 96.0 | 96.0 | 96.2 |
| Yes..... | 5.7 | 10.6 | 10.8 | 10.5 | 11.5 | 9.8 | 6.7 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.8 |
| Last grade enrolled in school. | 3047 | 3305 | 3386 | 3567 | 3453 | 3548 | 3220 | 2358 | 2019 | 2240 | 1835 | 405 |
| Grades 1-9..... | 20.2 | 16.5 | 16.4 | 19.2 | 18.3 | 19.7 | 21.2 | 21.2 | 22.8 | 21.2 | 23.9 | 8.9 |
| Grade 10..... | 26.6 | 26.0 | 26.4 | 26.2 | 28.7 | 27.0 | 27.5 | 31.1 | 35.8 | 29.6 | 31.6 | 20.5 |
| Grade 11..... | 32.5 | 35.0 | 35.2 | 34.9 | 32.7 | 33.6 | 32.4 | 31.3 | 28.4 | 33.4 | 32.2 | 39.0 |
| Grade 12 or above..... | 20.7 | 22.5 | 22.0 | 19.7 | 20.0 | 19.7 | 18.9 | 16.4 | 13.0 | 15.8 | 12.3 | 31.6 |
| Reading comprehension (mean grade level)..... | 6.9 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 6.8 | 7.6 |
| Arithmetic reasoning (mean grade level)..... | 6.5 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.9 |
| Prior convictions or sustained petitions a/..... | - | - | - | 3743 | 3588 | 3862 | 3674 | 3891 | 2592 | 3120 | 2546 | 574 |
| None..... | - | - | - | 13.6 | 14.5 | 15.9 | 19.6 | 21.1 | 14.5 | 15.9 | 15.2 | 19.0 |
| 1-4..... | - | - | - | 55.5 | 61.1 | 60.2 | 61.4 | 58.8 | 59.7 | 61.9 | 63.3 | 56.1 |
| 5-7..... | - | - | - | 19.9 | 18.6 | 18.1 | 13.8 | 15.2 | 19.3 | 17.5 | 17.0 | 19.3 |
| 8 or more..... | - | - | - | 11.0 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 6.5 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 5.6 |

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TABLE 1 (Continued)

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1975-1984
(Showing percents of totals)

Total Admissions

| Characteristics | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 Total | 1984 CYA | 1984 CDC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Median age at first prior conviction or petition a/..... | - | - | - | 14.7 | 14.9 | 14.9 | 14.9 | 14.6 | 14.5 | 14.6 | 14.5 | 15.8 |
| Prior commitments..... | 3205 | 3468 | 3590 | 3743 | 3588 | 3862 | 3674 | 2891 | 2592 | 3122 | 2548 | 574 |
| None..... | 43.3 | 43.6 | 38.1 | 37.5 | 35.1 | 39.0 | 44.6 | 46.1 | 34.7 | 36.3 | 35.4 | 40.2 |
| One..... | 32.9 | 30.0 | 31.3 | 30.9 | 30.6 | 29.8 | 27.9 | 24.4 | 27.6 | 29.8 | 30.4 | 27.0 |
| Two..... | 14.9 | 15.8 | 17.0 | 19.3 | 20.2 | 17.3 | 14.9 | 16.2 | 19.5 | 18.8 | 19.6 | 15.2 |
| Three or more..... | 8.9 | 10.6 | 13.6 | 12.3 | 14.1 | 13.9 | 12.6 | 13.3 | 18.2 | 15.1 | 14.6 | 17.6 |
| Median age at first prior commitment a/ ..... | - | - | - | 15.6 | 15.6 | 15.7 | 15.6 | 15.2 | 15.3 | 15.4 | 15.2 | 16.5 |
| I-Level..... | 2472 | 2855 | 2795 | 2849 | 2801 | 2668 | 2666 | 2041 | 2370 | 2091 | 1717 | 374 |
| I-2..... | 10.7 | 9.4 | 9.9 | 8.3 | 9.0 | 11.3 | 11.3 | 12.6 | 11.9 | 11.6 | 12.4 | 8.0 |
| I-3..... | 54.8 | 54.5 | 57.8 | 59.4 | 60.9 | 54.8 | 56.6 | 58.8 | 59.6 | 59.5 | 58.5 | 64.2 |
| I-4 and I-5..... | 34.5 | 36.1 | 32.3 | 32.3 | 30.1 | 33.9 | 32.1 | 28.6 | 28.5 | 28.9 | 29.1 | 27.8 |
| Religion..... | 2550 | 2725 | 2849 | 2935 | 2161 | 2242 | 2482 | 2076 | 1785 | 2301 | 1944* | 357 |
| Catholic..... | 46.7 | 46.9 | 45.3 | 48.3 | 46.5 | 46.4 | 45.9 | 43.8 | 44.3 | 40.5 | 40.6 | 39.5 |
| Protestant..... | 51.2 | 51.4 | 52.8 | 49.0 | 52.4 | 53.4 | 53.9 | 56.0 | 55.5 | 53.4 | 52.3 | 59.4 |
| Other..... | 2.1 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 2.7 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.1 |
| Parents' marital status..... | 3128 | 3413 | 3511 | 3627 | 3500 | 3549 | 3035 | 2490 | 2093 | 3030 | 2472 | 558 |
| Never married..... | 5.9 | 6.5 | 8.9 | 10.2 | 12.7 | 12.1 | 13.1 | 11.2 | 15.7 | 13.3 | 15.0 | 5.7 |
| Presently married..... | 33.1 | 31.8 | 29.7 | 30.0 | 28.0 | 25.7 | 25.7 | 22.0 | 19.5 | 22.2 | 21.3 | 26.3 |
| No longer married..... | 61.0 | 61.7 | 61.4 | 59.8 | 59.3 | 62.2 | 61.2 | 66.8 | 64.7 | 64.5 | 63.7 | 67.9 |
| Parental configuration..... | 2919 | 2902 | 3068 | 3217 | 2838 | 2996 | 2865 | 2442 | 2246 | - | 2130 | n/a |
| No parents in home..... | 4.7 | 5.5 | 6.6 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 4.0 | - | 3.5 | n/a |
| One-parent home..... | 44.2 | 45.1 | 46.2 | 46.1 | 61.8 | 62.0 | 62.2 | 48.9 | 51.4 | - | 51.0 | n/a |
| Two-parent home..... | 51.1 | 49.3 | 47.2 | 48.0 | 32.5 | 32.2 | 32.1 | 46.0 | 44.6 | - | 45.5 | n/a |

a/ Definition changed in 1978. Formerly titled Prior Delinquent Contacts.
* Data is missing for female YA Commitments.

TABLE 1 (Continued)

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1975-1984
(Showing percents of totals)

Total Admissions

| Characteristics | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 Total | 1984 CYA | 1984 CDC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Placement before commitment.. | 2904 | 2881 | 3033 | 3186 | 2809 | 2899 | 2831 | 2411 | 2216 | - | 2095 | n/a |
| Parents..... | 73.4 | 72.4 | 73.6 | 74.0 | 73.0 | 74.2 | 74.1 | 76.1 | 77.0 | - | 76.4 | n/a |
| Relatives..... | 9.3 | 9.4 | 8.6 | 9.1 | 9.7 | 10.1 | 8.4 | 9.0 | 9.8 | - | 11.3 | n/a |
| Foster/group home..... | 5.3 | 5.2 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 7.5 | - | 7.0 | n/a |
| Independent..... | 12.0 | 13.0 | 11.3 | 10.3 | 12.0 | 10.5 | 11.1 | 8.5 | 5.7 | - | 5.3 | n/a |
| Out-of-home placement..... | 2740 | 2724 | 2795 | 2985 | 2605 | 2737 | 2626 | 2237 | 2052 | - | 1990 | n/a |
| None..... | 68.1 | 67.8 | 64.0 | 65.1 | 63.4 | 63.2 | 64.4 | 64.4 | 64.0 | - | 63.4 | n/a |
| One..... | 16.8 | 15.8 | 16.9 | 15.6 | 15.9 | 16.8 | 16.5 | 15.4 | 18.8 | - | 16.2 | n/a |
| Two or more..... | 15.1 | 16.4 | 19.1 | 19.3 | 20.7 | 20.0 | 19.1 | 20.2 | 21.2 | - | 20.4 | n/a |
| Income level of home..... | 2833 | 2801 | 2879 | 3080 | 2724 | 2826 | 2702 | 2323 | 2123 | - | 2032 | n/a |
| Less than adequate..... | 43.7 | 44.2 | 46.3 | 42.8 | 42.7 | 43.4 | 42.8 | 46.7 | 53.2 | - | 50.3 | n/a |
| Adequate..... | 51.9 | 51.6 | 49.5 | 53.1 | 52.3 | 52.8 | 52.7 | 50.2 | 43.9 | - | 45.9 | n/a |
| More than adequate..... | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 5.1 | 3.8 | 4.5 | 3.1 | 2.9 | - | 3.8 | n/a |
| Family income from public assistance..... | 2713 | 2706 | 2773 | 2944 | 2586 | 2654 | 2570 | 2231 | 2031 | - | 1914 | n/a |
| None..... | 62.6 | 62.5 | 60.5 | 63.0 | 63.2 | 62.3 | 64.4 | 62.0 | 58.2 | - | 58.3 | n/a |
| Less than one-half..... | 9.8 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 9.2 | 9.5 | 10.0 | 8.7 | 8.8 | 8.1 | - | 8.9 | n/a |
| One-half or more..... | 27.6 | 28.5 | 30.5 | 27.8 | 27.3 | 27.7 | 26.9 | 29.2 | 33.7 | - | 32.8 | n/a |
| Criminal record of family members..... | 2616 | 2568 | 2652 | 2838 | 2522 | 2575 | 2549 | 2134 | 1943 | - | 1870 | n/a |
| None..... | 50.2 | 51.6 | 49.0 | 47.4 | 45.7 | 46.6 | 47.7 | 48.6 | 45.0 | - | 46.3 | n/a |
| Parents only..... | 8.7 | 8.0 | 7.8 | 7.6 | 9.2 | 8.9 | 8.3 | 10.5 | 10.9 | - | 14.0 | n/a |
| Siblings only..... | 32.3 | 33.0 | 34.6 | 34.4 | 34.0 | 32.3 | 32.0 | 29.1 | 31.1 | - | 28.3 | n/a |
| Both..... | 8.8 | 7.4 | 8.6 | 10.6 | 11.1 | 12.2 | 12.0 | 11.8 | 13.0 | - | 11.4 | n/a |

n/a - Data not available.

TABLE 1 (Continued)

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1975-1984
(Showing percents of totals)

Total Admissions

| Characteristics | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 Total | 1984 CYA | 1984 CDC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Economic aspects of immediate neighborhood..... | 2523 | 2848 | 2836 | 2963 | 3123 | 2760 | 2855 | 2349 | 2194 | - | 2072 | n/a |
| Above average..... | 8.0 | 7.3 | 6.9 | 6.3 | 6.1 | 7.8 | 7.3 | 5.5 | 5.1 | - | 6.6 | n/a |
| Average..... | 47.7 | 50.0 | 50.1 | 50.3 | 51.4 | 47.8 | 48.5 | 48.6 | 43.2 | - | 43.3 | n/a |
| Below average..... | 44.3 | 42.7 | 43.0 | 43.4 | 42.5 | 44.4 | 44.2 | 45.9 | 51.7 | - | 50.1 | n/a |
| Delinquency aspects of immediate neighborhood..... | 2504 | 2823 | 2803 | 2957 | 3119 | 2744 | 2793 | 2330 | 2185 | - | 2076 | n/a |
| Nondelinquent..... | 9.0 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 5.1 | 4.9 | - | 5.9 | n/a |
| Minimally delinquent..... | 27.0 | 25.1 | 25.2 | 22.2 | 24.6 | 25.5 | 23.6 | 24.5 | 19.8 | - | 18.5 | n/a |
| Moderately delinquent..... | 35.0 | 37.1 | 36.3 | 39.4 | 37.4 | 36.0 | 34.6 | 35.1 | 36.6 | - | 34.8 | n/a |
| Highly delinquent..... | 29.0 | 31.4 | 31.9 | 32.7 | 32.1 | 31.7 | 34.9 | 35.3 | 38.7 | - | 40.8 | n/a |
| Major problem area..... | 2753 | 2741 | 2872 | 3029 | 2733 | 2887 | 2718 | 2318 | 2128 | - | 2064 | n/a |
| None..... | 1.0 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.5 | - | 0.5 | n/a |
| Employment..... | 7.0 | 7.4 | 5.9 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 4.4 | 2.6 | - | 2.1 | n/a |
| Family..... | 8.4 | 7.0 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 7.5 | 7.1 | 6.6 | 7.9 | 7.7 | - | 6.0 | n/a |
| School..... | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.1 | 1.3 | - | 1.7 | n/a |
| Drugs/alcohol..... | 14.2 | 14.5 | 14.3 | 14.0 | 15.2 | 15.2 | 13.9 | 11.3 | 14.0 | - | 14.5 | n/a |
| Peer influence..... | 42.9 | 41.6 | 42.8 | 41.6 | 41.2 | 39.7 | 43.4 | 47.3 | 49.5 | - | 52.4 | n/a |
| Mental/emotional..... | 23.2 | 24.7 | 23.9 | 26.8 | 27.9 | 27.5 | 26.4 | 26.7 | 24.4 | - | 22.7 | n/a |
| Employment..... | 2857 | 2840 | 3011 | 3166 | 2801 | 2875 | 2794 | 2381 | 2191 | - | 2071 | n/a |
| Not in job market..... | 37.7 | 34.2 | 36.4 | 32.7 | 33.1 | 32.9 | 32.0 | 40.0 | 46.7 | - | 49.1 | n/a |
| Unemployed..... | 41.9 | 46.0 | 44.2 | 45.7 | 43.7 | 45.7 | 45.9 | 43.6 | 39.4 | - | 37.0 | n/a |
| Employed part-time..... | 12.4 | 11.8 | 10.0 | 11.6 | 12.3 | 9.1 | 13.6 | 10.8 | 9.3 | - | 10.1 | n/a |
| Employed full-time..... | 8.0 | 8.0 | 9.4 | 10.0 | 10.9 | 12.3 | 8.5 | 5.6 | 4.6 | - | 3.8 | n/a |

n/a - Data not available.

Note: Unless indicated differently, responses coded as unknown were removed from each item thus accounting for differing totals.

TABLE 2

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1975-1984
(Showing percents of totals)

Males Only

| Characteristics | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 Total | 1984 CYA | 1984 CDC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total first commitments..... | 3224 | 3377 | 3457 | 3614 | 3487 | 3814 | 3914 | 3156 | 2742 | 3079 | 2432 | 647 |
| Court..... | 3224 | 3377 | 3457 | 3614 | 3487 | 3814 | 3914 | 3156 | 2742 | 3079 | 2432 | 647 |
| Juvenile..... | 53.2 | 48.4 | 55.1 | 57.6 | 56.1 | 54.7 | 52.5 | 66.8 | 76.7 | 65.6 | 83.1 | - |
| Criminal..... | 46.8 | 51.6 | 44.9 | 42.4 | 43.9 | 45.3 | 47.5 | 33.2 | 23.3 | 34.4 | 16.9 | 100.0 |
| Area of commitment..... | 3224 | 3377 | 3457 | 3614 | 3487 | 3814 | 3914 | 3156 | 2742 | 3079 | 2432 | 647 |
| Southern California..... | 62.1 | 58.5 | 57.8 | 58.9 | 61.2 | 63.0 | 62.3 | 62.3 | 59.9 | 62.3 | 65.8 | 49.0 |
| Los Angeles..... | 34.1 | 33.9 | 35.3 | 37.0 | 41.9 | 42.3 | 43.8 | 45.2 | 41.0 | 45.4 | 48.6 | 33.5 |
| 9 other counties..... | 28.0 | 24.6 | 22.5 | 21.0 | 19.3 | 20.7 | 18.5 | 17.1 | 18.9 | 16.9 | 17.2 | 15.5 |
| San Francisco Bay area..... | 20.9 | 23.4 | 23.4 | 22.0 | 20.8 | 19.1 | 19.9 | 18.6 | 19.3 | 17.3 | 14.8 | 26.3 |
| Sacramento Valley..... | 7.2 | 7.4 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 7.3 | 7.1 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 8.7 |
| San Joaquin Valley..... | 6.1 | 7.1 | 8.5 | 9.0 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 7.6 | 8.5 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 9.6 | 11.4 |
| 22 other counties..... | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.6 |
| Commitment offense..... | 3224 | 3377 | 3457 | 3614 | 3487 | 3814 | 3914 | 3156 | 2742 | 3079 | 2432 | 647 |
| Violent type offenses..... | 44.9 | 44.3 | 44.8 | 45.9 | 47.4 | 49.6 | 49.3 | 44.2 | 41.6 | 40.6 | 40.8 | 39.7 |
| Property type offenses..... | 39.8 | 42.7 | 46.0 | 47.4 | 46.6 | 43.8 | 44.9 | 48.4 | 48.5 | 46.5 | 44.8 | 53.0 |
| Narcotic & drug offenses | 4.2 | 3.2 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 6.2 | 2.2 |
| Other offenses..... | 11.1 | 9.8 | 6.9 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 7.6 | 8.2 | 5.1 |
| Ethnic group..... | 3224 | 3377 | 3457 | 3614 | 3487 | 3814 | 3914 | 3156 | 2742 | 3079 | 2432 | 647 |
| White..... | 40.7 | 40.3 | 39.5 | 38.8 | 34.9 | 33.5 | 31.6 | 31.8 | 30.8 | 30.9 | 28.4 | 40.2 |
| Hispanic..... | 21.4 | 23.4 | 25.6 | 27.0 | 28.3 | 28.6 | 27.7 | 28.7 | 31.1 | 30.0 | 31.6 | 24.1 |
| Black..... | 34.3 | 33.8 | 31.9 | 31.8 | 34.4 | 35.8 | 38.1 | 36.9 | 35.4 | 35.9 | 36.8 | 32.5 |
| Other..... | 3.6 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| Mean age..... | 18.0 | 18.2 | 18.0 | 17.8 | 17.9 | 17.9 | 17.9 | 17.6 | 17.4 | 17.7 | 17.3 | 19.5 |

TABLE 2 (Continued)

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1975-1984
(Showing percents of totals)

Males Only

| Characteristics | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 Total | 1984 CYA | 1984 CDC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Number of prior escapes..... | 3224 | 3377 | 3457 | 3614 | 3487 | 3814 | 3914 | 3156 | 2742 | 3000 | 2426 | 574 |
| None or unknown..... | 82.2 | 80.9 | 81.8 | 84.6 | 85.9 | 84.6 | 88.8 | 87.9 | 88.9 | 90.4 | 89.7 | 93.2 |
| One or more..... | 17.8 | 19.1 | 18.2 | 15.4 | 14.1 | 15.4 | 11.2 | 12.1 | 11.1 | 9.6 | 10.3 | 6.8 |
| Co-offenders..... | 3224 | 3377 | 3457 | 3614 | 3487 | 3814 | 3914 | 3156 | 2742 | 3000 | 2426 | 574 |
| None or unknown..... | 50.9 | 47.5 | 49.5 | 50.7 | 49.5 | 48.3 | 54.2 | 53.4 | 51.2 | 53.1 | 52.3 | 56.1 |
| One or two..... | 42.6 | 44.5 | 43.5 | 41.6 | 43.0 | 44.2 | 39.7 | 39.8 | 41.2 | 40.2 | 40.7 | 38.3 |
| Three or more..... | 6.5 | 8.0 | 6.9 | 7.7 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 6.1 | 6.8 | 7.6 | 6.7 | 7.0 | 5.6 |
| Physical handicaps..... | 3224 | 3377 | 3457 | 3614 | 3487 | 3814 | 3914 | 3156 | 2742 | 3000 | 2426 | 574 |
| None or unknown..... | 94.3 | 89.4 | 89.0 | 89.6 | 88.8 | 91.8 | 94.6 | 96.3 | 96.8 | 95.9 | 95.8 | 96.2 |
| Yes..... | 5.7 | 10.6 | 11.0 | 10.4 | 11.2 | 8.2 | 5.4 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 3.8 |
| Last grade enrolled in school | 2888 | 3158 | 3230 | 3410 | 3310 | 3450 | 3113 | 2256 | 1933 | 2192 | 1787 | 405 |
| Grades 1-9..... | 20.2 | 16.2 | 15.8 | 18.4 | 17.6 | 19.4 | 20.9 | 20.5 | 22.6 | 20.9 | 23.6 | 8.9 |
| Grade 10..... | 26.6 | 25.8 | 26.2 | 26.2 | 28.6 | 26.9 | 27.5 | 30.9 | 35.5 | 29.5 | 31.5 | 20.5 |
| Grade 11..... | 32.4 | 35.6 | 35.8 | 35.5 | 33.0 | 33.8 | 32.7 | 32.0 | 28.6 | 33.6 | 32.4 | 39.0 |
| Grade 12 or above..... | 20.8 | 22.4 | 22.2 | 19.9 | 20.8 | 19.9 | 18.9 | 16.6 | 13.3 | 16.0 | 12.5 | 31.6 |
| Reading comprehension (mean grade level)..... | 6.9 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 6.9 | 7.6 |
| Arithmetic reasoning (mean grade level)..... | 6.5 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.9 |
| Prior convictions or sustained petitions a/..... | - | - | - | 3582 | 3437 | 3712 | 3530 | 2743 | 2463 | 2998 | 2424 | 574 |
| None..... | - | - | - | 12.6 | 13.7 | 15.4 | 19.6 | 21.1 | 14.1 | 15.9 | 15.2 | 19.0 |
| 1-4..... | - | - | - | 55.8 | 61.3 | 60.4 | 61.2 | 59.0 | 59.7 | 61.8 | 63.2 | 56.1 |
| 5-7..... | - | - | - | 20.5 | 19.1 | 18.3 | 14.1 | 15.1 | 19.7 | 17.5 | 17.1 | 19.3 |
| 8 or more..... | - | - | - | 11.1 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 6.5 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 5.6 |

a/ Definition changed in 1978. Formerly titled Prior Delinquent Contacts.

TABLE 2 (Continued)

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1975-1984
(Showing percents of totals)

Males Only

| Characteristics | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 Total | 1984 CYA | 1984 CDC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Median age at first prior conviction or petition a/.... | - | - | - | 14.7 | 14.9 | 14.9 | 14.9 | 14.7 | 14.5 | 14.6 | 14.5 | 15.8 |
| Prior commitments..... | 3037 | 3309 | 3423 | 3582 | 3437 | 3712 | 3530 | 2743 | 2463 | 2998 | 2424 | 574 |
| None..... | 42.5 | 42.8 | 37.2 | 36.6 | 34.1 | 38.3 | 44.1 | 45.1 | 33.5 | 35.4 | 34.3 | 40.2 |
| One..... | 33.4 | 30.3 | 31.8 | 31.2 | 31.1 | 29.9 | 28.0 | 24.5 | 27.8 | 30.2 | 30.9 | 27.0 |
| Two..... | 15.0 | 16.1 | 17.3 | 19.7 | 20.4 | 17.7 | 15.2 | 16.7 | 19.8 | 19.0 | 20.0 | 15.2 |
| Three or more..... | 9.1 | 10.8 | 13.7 | 12.5 | 14.4 | 14.1 | 12.7 | 13.7 | 18.9 | 15.4 | 14.8 | 17.6 |
| Median age at first prior commitment..... | 15.9 | 16.0 | 15.7 | 15.5 | 15.6 | 15.7 | 15.6 | 15.2 | 15.3 | 15.4 | 15.2 | 16.6 |
| I-Level..... | 2359 | 2781 | 2702 | 2757 | 2722 | 2542 | 2559 | 1955 | 2256 | 2050 | 1678 | 372 |
| I-2..... | 10.7 | 9.5 | 9.7 | 8.1 | 8.8 | 11.1 | 11.5 | 12.1 | 11.3 | 11.4 | 12.2 | 8.0 |
| I-3..... | 55.0 | 54.5 | 58.3 | 59.7 | 61.5 | 55.3 | 56.6 | 59.6 | 60.2 | 59.8 | 58.9 | 64.0 |
| I-4 and I-5..... | 34.3 | 36.0 | 32.0 | 32.2 | 29.7 | 33.6 | 31.9 | 28.3 | 28.5 | 28.8 | 28.9 | 28.0 |
| Religion..... | 2397 | 2582 | 2732 | 2812 | 2097 | 2196 | 2482 | 2069 | 1780 | 2179 | 1822 | 357 |
| Catholic..... | 46.9 | 47.3 | 45.2 | 48.4 | 46.3 | 46.4 | 45.9 | 43.9 | 44.4 | 42.7 | 43.4 | 39.5 |
| Protestant..... | 51.0 | 51.0 | 53.0 | 49.0 | 52.8 | 53.4 | 53.9 | 55.9 | 55.5 | 56.4 | 55.8 | 59.4 |
| Other..... | 2.1 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 2.6 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.1 |
| Parents' marital status..... | 2963 | 3258 | 3348 | 3468 | 3349 | 3404 | 2900 | 2361 | 1982 | 2914 | 2356 | 558 |
| Never married..... | 5.5 | 6.3 | 8.7 | 9.8 | 12.5 | 11.6 | 13.0 | 11.2 | 15.3 | 13.4 | 15.2 | 5.7 |
| Presently married..... | 33.6 | 32.3 | 30.0 | 30.1 | 28.1 | 26.1 | 26.0 | 22.1 | 19.8 | 22.4 | 21.5 | 26.4 |
| No longer married..... | 60.9 | 61.4 | 61.3 | 60.1 | 59.4 | 62.3 | 61.0 | 66.7 | 64.9 | 64.2 | 63.3 | 67.9 |

a/ Definition changed in 1978. Formerly titled Prior Delinquent Contacts.

TABLE 2 (Continued)

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1975-1984
(Showing percents of totals)

Males Only

| Characteristics | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 Total | 1984 CYA | 1984 CDC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parental configuration..... | 2774 | 2755 | 2928 | 3079 | 2718 | 2877 | 2742 | 2884 | 2130 | - | 2032 | n/a |
| No parents in home..... | 4.6 | 5.5 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.41 | 4.2 | 3.9 | - | 8.5 | n/a |
| One-parent home..... | 44.0 | 47.5 | 46.3 | 45.9 | 61.7 | 61.7 | 62.3 | 39.0 | 51.5 | - | 68.4 | n/a |
| Two-parent home..... | 51.4 | 47.0 | 47.4 | 48.4 | 32.6 | 32.6 | 32.3 | 56.8 | 44.6 | - | 23.1 | n/a |
| Placement before commitment.. | 2759 | 2732 | 2897 | 3051 | 2692 | 2788 | 2711 | 2290 | 2101 | - | 2001 | n/a |
| Parents..... | 74.1 | 73.3 | 74.1 | 74.7 | 73.8 | 74.8 | 75.3 | 77.0 | 77.9 | - | 77.3 | n/a |
| Relatives..... | 9.3 | 9.5 | 8.7 | 9.3 | 9.8 | 10.2 | 8.1 | 9.0 | 9.9 | - | 11.2 | n/a |
| Foster/group home..... | 4.8 | 4.5 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 6.9 | - | 6.9 | n/a |
| Independent..... | 11.8 | 12.7 | 11.0 | 9.8 | 11.5 | 10.1 | 10.7 | 8.1 | 5.3 | - | 4.6 | n/a |
| Out-of-home placement..... | 2608 | 2578 | 2666 | 2858 | 2496 | 2625 | 2517 | 2123 | 1952 | - | 1902 | n/a |
| None..... | 68.9 | 68.7 | 64.6 | 65.8 | 64.4 | 64.0 | 65.1 | 65.4 | 64.7 | - | 64.0 | n/a |
| One..... | 16.6 | 15.8 | 16.9 | 15.4 | 16.0 | 16.9 | 16.4 | 15.4 | 14.5 | - | 16.2 | n/a |
| Two or more..... | 14.5 | 15.5 | 18.5 | 18.8 | 19.6 | 19.1 | 18.5 | 19.2 | 20.8 | - | 19.8 | n/a |
| Income level of home..... | 2692 | 2658 | 2750 | 2952 | 2613 | 2716 | 2591 | 2206 | 2015 | - | 1941 | n/a |
| Less than adequate..... | 43.3 | 43.8 | 46.0 | 42.5 | 42.6 | 43.3 | 42.9 | 46.9 | 53.1 | - | 50.2 | n/a |
| Adequate..... | 52.3 | 51.9 | 49.8 | 53.4 | 52.5 | 52.9 | 52.5 | 50.1 | 44.0 | - | 16.2 | n/a |
| More than adequate..... | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.9 | 3.8 | 4.6 | 3.0 | 2.9 | - | 3.6 | n/a |
| Family income from public assistance..... | 2576 | 2573 | 2646 | 2822 | 2481 | 2551 | 2472 | 2119 | 1936 | - | 1828 | n/a |
| None..... | 62.8 | 62.9 | 61.0 | 63.3 | 63.3 | 62.9 | 64.6 | 62.1 | 58.7 | - | 58.8 | n/a |
| Less than one-half..... | 10.1 | 8.7 | 8.9 | 9.3 | 9.5 | 9.7 | 8.6 | 8.5 | 7.7 | - | 9.0 | n/a |
| One-half or more..... | 27.1 | 28.4 | 30.1 | 27.4 | 27.2 | 27.4 | 26.8 | 29.4 | 33.6 | - | 32.2 | n/a |

n/a - Data not available.

TABLE 2 (Continued)

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1975-1984
(Showing percents of totals)

Males Only

| Characteristics | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 Total | 1984 CYA | 1984 CDC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Criminal record of family members | 2484 | 2434 | 2526 | 2717 | 2412 | 2475 | 2366 | 2025 | 1845 | - | 1784 | n/a |
| None | 50.5 | 51.9 | 49.1 | 47.8 | 46.0 | 46.7 | 47.9 | 48.6 | 45.3 | - | 46.7 | n/a |
| Parents only | 8.5 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 7.5 | 9.2 | 8.9 | 8.0 | 10.4 | 10.6 | - | 13.5 | n/a |
| Siblings only | 32.5 | 33.1 | 34.9 | 34.4 | 34.2 | 32.2 | 32.2 | 29.3 | 31.2 | - | 28.6 | n/a |
| Both | 8.5 | 7.2 | 8.2 | 10.3 | 10.6 | 12.2 | 11.9 | 11.7 | 12.9 | - | 11.2 | n/a |
| Economic aspects of immediate neighborhood | 2706 | 2693 | 2827 | 2997 | 2648 | 2741 | 2620 | 2230 | 2082 | - | 1978 | n/a |
| Above average | 7.1 | 7.1 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 7.9 | 7.4 | 6.1 | 5.1 | 4.9 | - | 6.4 | n/a |
| Average | 50.3 | 50.2 | 50.4 | 51.5 | 47.8 | 48.6 | 47.6 | 48.5 | 43.4 | - | 43.2 | n/a |
| Below average | 42.6 | 42.7 | 43.3 | 42.2 | 44.3 | 44.0 | 46.3 | 46.4 | 51.7 | - | 50.4 | n/a |
| Delinquency aspects of immediate neighborhood | 2683 | 2662 | 2820 | 2992 | 2634 | 2685 | 2633 | 2210 | 2073 | - | 1983 | n/a |
| Nondelinquent | 6.3 | 6.5 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 6.6 | 6.9 | 6.7 | 5.0 | 4.8 | - | 5.9 | n/a |
| Minimally delinquent | 25.2 | 25.3 | 22.4 | 24.5 | 25.4 | 23.5 | 21.9 | 24.0 | 19.5 | - | 18.3 | n/a |
| Moderately delinquent | 36.9 | 36.3 | 39.4 | 37.8 | 36.2 | 34.7 | 36.0 | 35.5 | 36.7 | - | 35.3 | n/a |
| Highly delinquent | 31.6 | 31.9 | 32.7 | 31.9 | 31.8 | 34.9 | 35.4 | 35.5 | 39.0 | - | 40.5 | n/a |
| Major problem area | 2615 | 2596 | 2737 | 2902 | 2612 | 2765 | 2600 | 2197 | 2016 | - | 1970 | n/a |
| None | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.5 | - | 0.6 | n/a |
| Employment | 7.3 | 7.8 | 6.1 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 4.6 | 2.7 | - | 2.2 | n/a |
| Family | 8.4 | 6.9 | 8.4 | 8.4 | 7.3 | 6.9 | 6.4 | 7.7 | 7.4 | - | 5.6 | n/a |
| School | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 1.2 | - | 1.7 | n/a |
| Drugs/alcohol | 14.2 | 14.2 | 14.2 | 13.9 | 15.3 | 15.2 | 13.8 | 11.3 | 13.7 | - | 14.1 | n/a |
| Peer influence | 43.4 | 42.3 | 43.0 | 42.4 | 41.8 | 40.3 | 44.0 | 48.0 | 50.3 | - | 53.3 | n/a |
| Mental/emotional | 22.3 | 23.9 | 23.7 | 26.0 | 27.3 | 27.1 | 25.9 | 25.8 | 24.2 | - | 22.5 | n/a |

n/a - Data not available.

TABLE 2 (Continued)

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1975-1984
(Showing percents of totals)

Males Only

| Characteristics | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 Total | 1984 CYA | 1984 CDC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Employment..... | 2714 | 2691 | 2871 | 3033 | 2685 | 2758 | 2676 | 2256 | 2079 | - | 1977 | n/a |
| Not in job market..... | 36.8 | 33.3 | 35.6 | 32.0 | 32.6 | 32.6 | 31.3 | 38.7 | 46.2 | - | 48.6 | n/a |
| Unemployed..... | 42.1 | 46.4 | 44.3 | 45.7 | 43.8 | 45.5 | 46.1 | 44.4 | 39.4 | - | 37.2 | n/a |
| Employed part-time..... | 12.8 | 12.1 | 10.4 | 11.9 | 12.5 | 9.3 | 13.9 | 11.2 | 9.6 | - | 10.3 | n/a |
| Employed full-time..... | 8.3 | 8.2 | 9.7 | 10.4 | 11.1 | 12.6 | 8.7 | 5.7 | 4.8 | - | 3.9 | n/a |

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TABLE 3

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1975-1984
(Showing percents of totals)

Females Only

| Characteristics | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 Total | 1984 CYA | 1984 CDC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total first commitments..... | 180 | 182 | 169 | 162 | 153 | 154 | 169 | 160 | 149 | 137 | 122 | 15 |
| Court..... | 180 | 182 | 169 | 162 | 153 | 154 | 169 | 160 | 149 | 137 | 122 | 15 |
| Juvenile..... | 63.9 | 66.5 | 54.5 | 70.4 | 66.7 | 65.6 | 68.0 | 76.3 | 86.6 | 78.8 | 88.5 | - |
| Criminal..... | 36.1 | 33.5 | 35.5 | 29.6 | 33.3 | 34.4 | 32.0 | 23.7 | 13.4 | 21.2 | 11.5 | 100.0 |
| Area of commitment..... | 180 | 182 | 169 | 162 | 153 | 154 | 169 | 160 | 149 | 137 | 122 | 15 |
| Southern California..... | 59.4 | 48.4 | 47.3 | 51.2 | 50.3 | 57.8 | 50.9 | 39.4 | 59.7 | 57.7 | 60.7 | 33.3 |
| Los Angeles..... | 23.9 | 24.7 | 18.9 | 24.1 | 26.1 | 39.6 | 31.4 | 33.8 | 42.9 | 39.4 | 43.4 | 6.6 |
| 9 other counties..... | 35.5 | 23.7 | 28.4 | 27.1 | 24.2 | 18.2 | 19.5 | 5.6 | 16.8 | 18.3 | 17.3 | 26.7 |
| San Francisco Bay area..... | 21.7 | 24.7 | 29.0 | 29.6 | 25.5 | 17.5 | 30.8 | 25.0 | 17.5 | 20.4 | 19.7 | 26.7 |
| Sacramento Valley..... | 6.7 | 11.5 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 8.5 | 3.3 | 6.5 | 4.4 | 8.7 | 9.5 | 8.2 | 20.0 |
| San Joaquin Valley..... | 8.9 | 9.3 | 11.3 | 8.7 | 9.8 | 14.3 | 8.3 | 11.3 | 10.7 | 8.8 | 8.2 | 13.3 |
| 22 other counties..... | 3.3 | 6.1 | 7.7 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 7.1 | 3.5 | 6.9 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 6.7 |
| Commitment offense..... | 180 | 182 | 169 | 162 | 153 | 154 | 169 | 160 | 149 | 137 | 122 | 15 |
| Violent type offenses..... | 44.5 | 45.0 | 51.5 | 54.9 | 58.1 | 55.8 | 44.4 | 45.6 | 51.0 | 35.0 | 34.4 | 40.0 |
| Property type offenses..... | 27.2 | 33.0 | 32.0 | 37.0 | 35.3 | 36.4 | 45.0 | 31.3 | 31.5 | 47.5 | 47.5 | 46.6 |
| Narcotic & drug offenses | 9.4 | 9.9 | 7.1 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 5.0 | 14.1 | 11.7 | 12.4 | 6.7 |
| Other offenses..... | 18.9 | 12.1 | 8.8 | 5.0 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 6.5 | 18.1 | 3.4 | 5.8 | 6.7 | 6.7 |
| Ethnic group..... | 180 | 182 | 169 | 162 | 153 | 154 | 169 | 160 | 149 | 137 | 122 | 15 |
| White..... | 40.0 | 43.4 | 36.1 | 49.4 | 44.4 | 38.9 | 38.5 | 46.9 | 36.9 | 35.8 | 34.4 | 46.6 |
| Hispanic..... | 20.6 | 19.8 | 25.5 | 19.7 | 30.1 | 29.9 | 21.3 | 17.5 | 25.5 | 24.8 | 24.6 | 26.7 |
| Black..... | 36.1 | 32.4 | 34.3 | 28.4 | 20.3 | 27.3 | 37.3 | 32.5 | 32.2 | 37.9 | 39.4 | 26.7 |
| Other..... | 3.3 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 2.5 | 5.2 | 3.9 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 5.4 | 1.5 | 1.6 | - |
| Mean age..... | 17.0 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.3 | 17.4 | 17.3 | 17.5 | 16.9 | 17.0 | 17.3 | 17.0 | 19.5 |
| Number of prior escapes..... | 180 | 182 | 169 | 162 | 153 | 154 | 169 | 160 | 149 | - | 122 | n/a |
| None or unknown..... | 83.3 | 78.6 | 88.2 | 91.4 | 85.6 | 81.2 | 85.2 | 78.8 | 91.3 | - | 90.2 | n/a |
| One or more..... | 16.7 | 21.4 | 11.8 | 8.6 | 14.4 | 18.8 | 14.8 | 21.2 | 8.7 | - | 9.8 | n/a |

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TABLE 3 (Continued)

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1975-1984
(Showing percents of totals)

Females Only

| Characteristics | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 Total | 1984 CYA | 1984 CDC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Co-offenders | 180 | 182 | 169 | 162 | 153 | 154 | 169 | 160 | 149 | - | 122 | n/a |
| None or unknown | 56.7 | 53.3 | 55.0 | 56.2 | 44.4 | 56.5 | 59.8 | 53.8 | 52.0 | - | 65.6 | n/a |
| One or two | 31.7 | 39.6 | 38.5 | 35.2 | 43.8 | 34.4 | 33.7 | 36.2 | 39.5 | - | 30.3 | n/a |
| Three or more | 11.6 | 7.1 | 6.5 | 8.6 | 11.8 | 9.1 | 6.5 | 10.0 | 8.5 | - | 4.1 | n/a |
| Physical handicaps | 180 | 182 | 169 | 162 | 153 | 154 | 169 | 160 | 149 | - | 122 | n/a |
| None or unknown | 96.6 | 90.7 | 93.5 | 87.7 | 82.4 | 50.0 | 61.5 | 96.9 | 99.3 | - | 100.0 | n/a |
| Yes | 3.4 | 9.3 | 6.5 | 12.3 | 17.6 | 50.0 | 38.5 | 3.1 | 0.7 | - | - | n/a |
| Last grade enrolled in school | 159 | 147 | 169 | 157 | 143 | 98 | 107 | 102 | 86 | - | 48 | n/a |
| Grades 1-9 | 21.4 | 21.8 | 27.5 | 36.3 | 32.8 | 30.6 | 31.8 | 37.3 | 27.9 | - | 33.3 | n/a |
| Grade 10 | 27.0 | 32.0 | 30.8 | 25.5 | 30.8 | 32.7 | 28.0 | 37.3 | 41.9 | - | 35.4 | n/a |
| Grade 11 | 33.3 | 23.1 | 23.1 | 21.0 | 24.5 | 23.5 | 22.4 | 16.7 | 23.2 | - | 25.0 | n/a |
| Grade 12 or above | 18.3 | 23.1 | 18.6 | 17.2 | 11.9 | 13.2 | 17.8 | 8.7 | 7.0 | - | 6.3 | n/a |
| Reading comprehension (mean grade level) | 6.8 | 7.3 | 6.9 | 7.3 | 6.9 | 6.5 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.4 | - | 6.2 | n/a |
| Arithmetic reasoning (mean grade level) | 6.3 | 6.8 | 6.3 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 6.9 | 6.6 | 6.7 | - | 6.6 | n/a |
| Prior convictions or sustained petitions a/ | - | - | - | 161 | 151 | 150 | 144 | 148 | 129 | - | 122 | n/a |
| None | - | - | - | 36.0 | 33.8 | 26.7 | 20.1 | 20.3 | 21.7 | - | 15.6 | n/a |
| 1-4 | - | - | - | 48.4 | 55.6 | 54.7 | 66.7 | 55.4 | 59.7 | - | 63.9 | n/a |
| 5-7 | - | - | - | 8.1 | 8.6 | 14.0 | 8.3 | 16.9 | 12.4 | - | 15.6 | n/a |
| 8 or more | - | - | - | 7.5 | 2.0 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 7.4 | 6.2 | - | 4.9 | n/a |

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n/a - Data not available.

TABLE 3 (Continued)

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1975-1984
(Showing percents of totals)

Females Only

| Characteristics | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 Total | 1984 CYA | 1984 CDC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Median age at first prior conviction or petition a/.... | 14.1 | 14.0 | 14.2 | 15.0 | 14.9 | 14.5 | 15.1 | 14.2 | 14.7 | - | 14.4 | n/a |
| Prior commitments..... | 168 | 159 | 167 | 161 | 151 | 150 | 144 | 148 | 129 | - | 122 | n/a |
| None..... | 57.1 | 60.4 | 56.3 | 57.1 | 60.3 | 58.0 | 55.6 | 64.9 | 57.4 | - | 57.4 | n/a |
| One..... | 24.4 | 24.5 | 21.5 | 24.2 | 19.2 | 28.0 | 25.7 | 21.6 | 23.3 | - | 20.5 | n/a |
| Two..... | 12.5 | 9.4 | 10.2 | 10.6 | 15.2 | 7.3 | 9.0 | 8.1 | 14.7 | - | 12.3 | n/a |
| Three or more..... | 6.0 | 5.7 | 12.0 | 8.1 | 5.3 | 6.7 | 9.7 | 5.4 | 4.6 | - | 9.8 | n/a |
| Median age at first prior commitment..... | 15.2 | 14.9 | 14.7 | 16.4 | 14.9 | 15.3 | 15.6 | 14.8 | 15.4 | - | 15.4 | n/a |
| I-Level..... | 113 | 74 | 93 | 92 | 79 | 126 | 107 | 86 | 114 | - | 39 | n/a |
| I-2..... | 10.6 | 2.7 | 15.1 | 11.9 | 13.9 | 15.1 | 7.4 | 23.3 | 22.8 | - | 23.1 | n/a |
| I-3..... | 52.2 | 55.4 | 43.0 | 51.1 | 40.5 | 44.4 | 56.1 | 41.9 | 47.4 | - | 41.0 | n/a |
| I-4 and I-5..... | 37.2 | 41.9 | 41.9 | 37.0 | 45.6 | 40.5 | 36.5 | 34.8 | 29.8 | - | 35.9 | n/a |
| Religion..... | 153 | 143 | 117 | 123 | 64 | 46 | - | 7 | 5 | - | n/a | n/a |
| Catholic..... | 43.1 | 38.5 | 46.1 | 45.5 | 53.1 | 47.8 | - | - | - | - | n/a | n/a |
| Protestant..... | 53.6 | 58.7 | 49.6 | 49.6 | 40.6 | 52.2 | - | 100.0 | 80.0 | - | n/a | n/a |
| Other..... | 3.3 | 2.8 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 6.3 | - | - | - | 20.0 | - | n/a | n/a |
| Parents' marital status..... | 165 | 155 | 163 | 159 | 151 | 145 | 135 | 129 | 111 | - | 116 | n/a |
| Never married..... | 13.3 | 9.7 | 13.5 | 19.5 | 17.2 | 24.8 | 14.8 | 11.6 | 23.4 | - | 10.4 | n/a |
| Presently married..... | 23.0 | 21.9 | 23.9 | 25.8 | 25.2 | 15.2 | 18.5 | 19.4 | 15.3 | - | 17.2 | n/a |
| No longer married..... | 63.7 | 68.4 | 62.6 | 54.7 | 57.6 | 60.0 | 66.7 | 69.0 | 61.3 | - | 72.4 | n/a |

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TABLE 3 (Continued)

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1975-1984
(Showing percents of totals)

Females Only

| Characteristics | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 Total | 1984 CYA | 1984 CDC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parental configuration..... | 145 | 147 | 140 | 138 | 120 | 119 | 123 | 125 | 116 | - | 98 | n/a |
| No parents in home..... | 6.9 | 7.4 | 12.1 | 10.9 | 6.7 | 8.4 | 12.2 | 3.2 | 4.3 | - | 6.1 | n/a |
| One-parent home..... | 46.2 | 51.7 | 44.3 | 49.3 | 62.5 | 69.8 | 59.3 | 54.4 | 50.0 | - | 53.1 | n/a |
| Two-parent home..... | 46.9 | 40.8 | 43.6 | 39.8 | 30.8 | 21.8 | 28.5 | 42.4 | 45.7 | - | 40.8 | n/a |
| Placement before commitment.. | 145 | 149 | 136 | 135 | 117 | 111 | 120 | 121 | 115 | - | 94 | n/a |
| Parents..... | 60.0 | 56.4 | 61.8 | 57.0 | 53.9 | 59.5 | 48.3 | 58.7 | 60.0 | - | 59.6 | n/a |
| Relatives..... | 9.6 | 7.4 | 6.6 | 5.2 | 6.8 | 8.1 | 15.0 | 9.9 | 9.6 | - | 12.8 | n/a |
| Foster/group home..... | 15.2 | 17.4 | 13.2 | 16.3 | 15.4 | 14.4 | 16.7 | 15.7 | 17.4 | - | 8.5 | n/a |
| Independent..... | 15.2 | 18.8 | 18.4 | 21.5 | 23.9 | 18.0 | 20.0 | 15.7 | 13.0 | - | 19.1 | n/a |
| Out-of-home placement..... | 132 | 146 | 129 | 127 | 109 | 112 | 109 | 114 | 100 | - | 88 | n/a |
| None..... | 52.3 | 51.4 | 51.2 | 49.6 | 40.4 | 45.5 | 46.8 | 46.5 | 51.0 | - | 50.0 | n/a |
| One..... | 22.0 | 16.4 | 17.0 | 18.1 | 12.8 | 14.3 | 19.3 | 16.7 | 20.0 | - | 15.9 | n/a |
| Two or more..... | 25.7 | 32.2 | 31.8 | 32.3 | 46.8 | 40.2 | 33.9 | 36.8 | 29.0 | - | 34.1 | n/a |
| Income level of home..... | 141 | 143 | 129 | 128 | 111 | 110 | 111 | 117 | 108 | - | 91 | n/a |
| Less than adequate..... | 52.5 | 51.0 | 53.5 | 50.0 | 45.9 | 46.4 | 42.3 | 42.7 | 53.7 | - | 52.7 | n/a |
| Adequate..... | 42.5 | 46.9 | 42.6 | 46.9 | 46.9 | 50.9 | 55.9 | 52.1 | 42.6 | - | 38.5 | n/a |
| More than adequate..... | 5.0 | 2.1 | 3.9 | 3.1 | 7.2 | 2.7 | 1.8 | 5.2 | 3.7 | - | 8.8 | n/a |
| Family income from public assistance..... | 137 | 133 | 127 | 122 | 105 | 103 | 106 | 112 | 95 | - | 86 | n/a |
| None..... | 56.9 | 55.6 | 51.2 | 58.2 | 60.0 | 47.6 | 60.4 | 59.8 | 48.4 | - | 48.8 | n/a |
| Less than one-half..... | 5.9 | 14.3 | 10.2 | 5.7 | 9.5 | 15.5 | 10.4 | 13.4 | 15.8 | - | 5.8 | n/a |
| One-half or more..... | 37.2 | 30.1 | 38.6 | 36.1 | 30.5 | 36.9 | 29.2 | 26.8 | 35.8 | - | 45.3 | n/a |

n/a - Data not available.

TABLE 3 (Continued)

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1975-1984
(Showing percents of totals)

Females Only

| Characteristics | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 Total | 1984 CYA | 1984 CDC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Criminal record of family members | 132 | 134 | 126 | 121 | 110 | 100 | 93.0 | 109 | 98 | - | 86 | n/a |
| None | 44.7 | 45.5 | 46.0 | 39.7 | 38.2 | 43.0 | 41.9 | 47.7 | 40.8 | - | 36.0 | n/a |
| Parents only | 12.9 | 12.7 | 8.7 | 9.1 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 14.0 | 12.8 | 15.3 | - | 25.6 | n/a |
| Siblings only | 28.8 | 30.6 | 28.6 | 34.7 | 28.2 | 35.0 | 29.0 | 26.7 | 29.6 | - | 23.3 | n/a |
| Both | 13.6 | 11.2 | 16.7 | 16.5 | 23.6 | 12.0 | 15.1 | 12.8 | 14.3 | - | 15.1 | n/a |
| Economic aspects of immediate neighborhood | 142 | 143 | 136 | 126 | 112 | 114 | 120 | 119 | 112 | - | 94 | n/a |
| Above average | 9.8 | 4.2 | 7.4 | 1.6 | 6.3 | 5.2 | 10.0 | 12.6 | 8.0 | - | 10.6 | n/a |
| Average | 45.1 | 48.9 | 46.3 | 47.6 | 47.3 | 47.4 | 49.2 | 50.4 | 40.2 | - | 44.7 | n/a |
| Below average | 45.1 | 46.9 | 46.3 | 50.8 | 46.4 | 47.4 | 40.8 | 37.0 | 51.8 | - | 44.7 | n/a |
| Delinquency aspects of immediate neighborhood | 140 | 141 | 137 | 127 | 110 | 108 | 117 | 120 | 112 | - | 93 | n/a |
| Nondelinquent | 7.1 | 8.5 | 11.7 | 8.7 | 10.9 | 5.6 | 8.6 | 6.7 | 5.4 | - | 6.4 | n/a |
| Minimally delinquent | 23.6 | 22.7 | 17.5 | 24.4 | 30.0 | 26.8 | 24.8 | 32.5 | 25.9 | - | 23.7 | n/a |
| Moderately delinquent | 40.7 | 36.2 | 38.7 | 28.3 | 29.1 | 31.5 | 33.3 | 28.3 | 34.8 | - | 23.7 | n/a |
| Highly delinquent | 28.6 | 32.6 | 32.1 | 38.6 | 30.0 | 36.1 | 33.3 | 32.5 | 33.9 | - | 46.2 | n/a |
| Major problem area | 138 | 145 | 135 | 127 | 121 | 122 | 118 | 121 | 112 | - | 94 | n/a |
| None | - | 1.4 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 3.3 | 0.8 | - | 0.9 | - | - | n/a |
| Employment | 1.4 | 0.7 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 3.3 | 2.5 | 3.4 | 0.8 | 1.8 | - | 1.1 | n/a |
| Family | 8.7 | 8.9 | 9.6 | 10.2 | 12.4 | 12.3 | 11.0 | 10.7 | 11.6 | - | 12.8 | n/a |
| School | 1.4 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 2.5 | - | - | 1.8 | - | 2.1 | n/a |
| Drugs/alcohol | 14.5 | 20.0 | 17.0 | 15.7 | 13.2 | 16.4 | 16.1 | 11.6 | 19.6 | - | 23.4 | n/a |
| Peer influence | 34.1 | 27.6 | 38.5 | 24.4 | 26.4 | 27.0 | 31.4 | 34.7 | 34.8 | - | 34.0 | n/a |
| Mental/emotional | 39.9 | 39.3 | 28.2 | 44.9 | 42.2 | 36.0 | 37.3 | 42.2 | 29.5 | - | 26.6 | n/a |

n/a - Data not available.

TABLE 3 (Continued)

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1975-1984
(Showing percents of totals)

Females Only

| Characteristics | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 Total | 1984 CYA | 1984 CDC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Employment..... | 143 | 149 | 140 | 133 | 116 | 117 | 118 | 125 | 112 | - | 94 | n/a |
| Not in job market..... | 54.5 | 51.0 | 51.4 | 49.6 | 44.0 | 40.1 | 47.5 | 63.2 | 57.1 | - | 57.5 | n/a |
| Unemployed..... | 38.5 | 39.6 | 41.4 | 44.4 | 41.4 | 49.6 | 41.5 | 29.6 | 39.3 | - | 34.0 | n/a |
| Employed part-time..... | 4.2 | 4.7 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 7.7 | 4.3 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 2.7 | - | 7.4 | n/a |
| Employed full-time..... | 2.8 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 2.2 | 6.9 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 2.4 | 0.9 | - | 1.1 | n/a |

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